

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR XF MO  
SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER NOTES U.S. RETICENCE IN AFRICA,  
REITERATES SUPPORT FOR ME PEACE EFFORTS

1. IN A JEUNE AFRIQUE INTERVIEW REPRINTED IN LOCAL PRESS  
MARCH 6, PRIME MINISTER AHMED OSMAN NOTED AMERICAN RETICENCE  
REGARDING INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. UNDERLINING THE  
U.S. GREAT POWER ROLE, OSMAN HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD MAKE  
A CAREFUL GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TROUBLES IN  
AFRICA AND WOULD DISCOVER THEIR INSTIGATOR (READ: SOVIET UNION).  
OSMAN ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT MOROCCO WAS RETURNING TO THE  
"NORTH-SOUTH AXIS" WHICH HAD DOMINATED MOROCCAN HISTORY;  
I.E., NORTH TO EUROPE AND SOUTH TO AFRICA.

2. OSMAN ALSO CITED THE ACTIVE ROLE THE GOM HAD PLAYED IN  
MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, NOTING THAT KING HASSAN HAD  
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FAVORED FROM THE BEGINNING THE PRELIMINARY CONTACTS BETWEEN  
SADAT AND BEGIN. OSMAN WELCOMED VISITS TO MOROCCO BY JEWS  
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, STATING THAT "THERE IS IN OUR COUNTRY  
SUCCESSFUL JEWISH-ARAB COEXISTENCE".

3. COMMENT: THE OSMAN INTERVIEW REFLECTS CONTINUING MOROCCAN  
DISMAY AT WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS AMERICAN FENCE-SITTING ON THE

SAHARA AND ON OTHER AFRICAN PROBLEMS (ANGOLA, SHABA, CHAD,  
THE HORN). IT ALSO GIVES NOTICE OF CONTINUING GOM WILLINGNESS  
TO SERVE AS A MODERATOR BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS.  
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